THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Radiation level of Tarapur Atomic Station

2383. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the radiations level (to which Plant Personnel) at the Tarapur Atomic Power Station had been exposed had decreased progressively since 1977 but are still significantly high;

(b) if so, what are the details therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to reduce the radiation levels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir. Radiation level at Tarapur Atomic Power Stations and all other nuclear installations in the country have always been maintained lower than the limits recommended by the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board based on recomendations by the International Commission on Radiological Protection.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Diplomat involved in smuggling activities

2384. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Indian Express dated 25th February, 1988 to the effect that a high ranking diplomat of a neighbouring country in India has been asked by Government to leave India because of his alleged involvement in smuggling activities; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The fact is that this Ministry issued an Exemption Certificate to a Diplomat of a neighbouring country, authorising him the duty-free import of certain articles as per the norms laid down in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, 1961. However, certain discrepencies in the goods actually imported in relation to the items mentioned in the Exemption Certificate were detected at the time of clearance of the said consignment.

2385. [*Transferred to the 25th March*, 1988.]

Census for ex-servicemen

2386. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had undertaken any census for ex-servicemen in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The population of ex-servicemen in the country was estimated by